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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Svendsen et al.

Serial No.: 09/325,603

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: June 3, 1999

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

For: α -Amylase Mutants

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 1999, and the interview between the Examiner and the undersigned of January 11, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~At page 4, in the Brief Description of the Drawings, delete "Figure 8" and replace with -Figures 8A-8D--.~~

~~At page 4, in the Brief Description of the Drawings, delete pJEN1 and replace with -pJeEN1.--~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 71 and 72 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(a)(2)(ii) as follows:

71. (Amended) A method of producing a variant of a parent alpha-amylase having an altered property relative to the parent, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has the sequence of SEQ ID Nos: 2, 4, 6, or 13, or has a sequence at least 70% homologous to the sequence of SEQ ID Nos: 2, 4, 6, or 13 when homology is determined by the GAP

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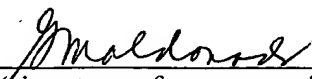
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